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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bennett Plantation House and Store

AND/OR COMMON

same

LOCATION E of Alexandria on U.S. 71

STREET & NUMBER

Hwy 71 between Cheneyville and Bunkie

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Alexandria, La.

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8th - Gillis Long

STATE

Louisiana

CODE

022

COUNTY

Rapides

CODE

079

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Randall V. Johnson, Sr. (agent), Leochia Pope, Myrtle T. Knoll,

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 57

Aralle Pope, Irene Pope, Randall V. Johnson, Jr.

CITY, TOWN

Bunkie

VICINITY OF

STATE

Louisiana 71322

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Rapides Parish Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Alexandria

STATE

Louisiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Louisiana Historic Sites Survey

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

Louisiana 70804

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bennett house and store are set on opposite sides of Louisiana Route 71 near Bayou Boeuf. Although they are all that remains of the old Bennett plantation, they are the two most important buildings in the plantation's history. The setting is characterized by open flat farmland, with several banks of trees, and a small area of forest between the store and the bayou. Although the setting is still appropriately rural, the two buildings are separated from Bayou Boeuf by the forest, and from each other by Louisiana Route 71. As a result, their associations with each other, and their common association with Bayou Boeuf are no longer obvious.

The House

Although documentary evidence strongly suggests that the Bennett house was built sometime around 1854, it was substantially redecorated in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The one-and-a-half story, five-bay form of the house, and its central hall, double parlor plan date from the 1854 period. It is not clear when the present rear wing was begun. It is certain, however, that it was built in two sections at two different times. The first part, a two-room "L" extension behind the left side parlors, could date as far back as the 1854 period. It exhibits the same late nineteenth century details as the main block of the house. The second part, which "fills in" the "L", was probably built in the early twentieth century. This is evident because at one time there was a small recessed rear gallery behind the central hall. In the late nineteenth century, it acquired some scroll-saw ornamentation, indicating that at that time it was still an exterior feature. The second addition made the gallery an interior feature, and a superfluous one. It is clear from this that the second addition was built after the time the scroll-saw ornamentation was added. This clearly dates the addition after the late nineteenth century. Also in the early twentieth century, a small side porch was added.

The house is faced in clapboard with stud walls resting upon sills and summer beams which are about one foot square. Joists are about 18 inches on center. The fact that some of the timbers are very old, while others are not, indicates considerable "cannibalism" in the construction.

The details and ornamentation date principally from the later nineteenth century. The only known exceptions are the square-headed sash windows in the main block of the house, which date from the 1854 period.

Virtually all the noteworthy exterior details were inspired by the Renaissance Revival style. Though elaborate, they are somewhat awkwardly applied. They include the front doorway and the large single dormer, which are articulated with four part arch motifs, and the bracketed cornice. At one time there was a diminutive four column porch and a scroll-saw ornamented ridge pole.

The Renaissance Revival influence is evident in the interior as well. The sliding doors have round arch panels, repeating something of the pattern in the front door and dormer. Most of the mantels have a basically Adamesque shape, with heavily notched ornamentation, and panels flanked by elaborately turned balusters.

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The staircase has a heavily turned newel post and turned balusters, features which could be either mid- or late nineteenth century. In one of the rear wing rooms is a three-sided bay window with colored glass. The room also features narrow gauge wainscotting and a window seat.

The Store

The plantation store is constructed in a similar manner to the house. It has a "T" shaped plan with a small rear wing of more recent origin, which is in poor repair. Like the house, the store shows evidence of two periods of construction.

The initial, mid-nineteenth century structure was a three-bay Greek Revival style building with two rear wings. The windows and doors had shoulder molded frames. The original shutters remain. In the late nineteenth century the present three-bay portico was added, a most unusual feature for a plantation store. The elegantly proportioned pediment rests upon three scroll-saw ogee pointed arches, and inscribes a round head arch window. The pediment and the cornice line of the building ^{are} trimmed in scroll-saw ornamentation.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Ezra Bennett (builder)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bennett store is clearly of state significance in the area of architecture. It is unlikely that any extant plantation store buildings can equal it in terms of size, pretention, or architectural refinement. Plantation stores were seldom ornamented at all. The Bennett store's combination of a handsome pediment, pointed arches, a central round head window, and scroll-saw trim, make it quite probably unique in the state.

The Bennett house, with its five bays, central hall plan, and relatively opulent late nineteenth century detailing, is one of the grandest examples of a plantation house in the Bunkie area. It is particularly noteworthy for its interior woodwork. Though a crude reflection of the Renaissance Revival, it represents an unusually high degree of elaboration of ornamentation for that style and in that vicinity.

The commercial significance of the Bennett place lies in the fact that it was part of the important Bayou Boeuf navigation trade with New Orleans. The owner, Ezra Bennett, acted as local agent for New Orleans cotton factors, making the store an important commercial focal point for local planters.

Ezra Bennett came to Eldred's Bend on Bayou Boeuf from New York in 1830.¹ He came to teach school, either as a private tutor in a village or as a resident at some plantation.² The rich land of the area had been settled comparatively recently and Bayou Boeuf provided access to the outside world for the planter's produce.³ The first store at Eldred's Bend had been built by Joseph B. Robert.⁴ Soon after Bennett's arrival in the area, he gave up his career as an educator and worked as a clerk in the store. Somewhat later, he was able to buy the store from Robert, making six yearly payments. Ezra Bennett, who was known for his thrift, expanded the business and became an agent for factors in New Orleans.⁵ Bennett kept careful records and copies of all his business letters. Most of his business was done with New Orleans factors, though he also had dealings with lawyers and people from his native New York.

Apparently, Bennett prospered and became an important businessman in the area. In 1860, J. W. Dorr, a Picayune reporter traveling through the state, reported that Ezra Bennett was one of the outstanding citizens of the parish.⁶

Ezra Bennett's wife Sarah wrote in 1854 that her husband was still in the process of building the house, and she wondered if she would die in the old house since Ezra was so long in completing the new one.⁷ Architectural evidence

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A six acre rectangle encompasses the house, the store and the setting for the two. Two acres of the site run approximately 417 ft. along the north side of Highway 71 and are centered on the store, while the remaining four acres lie south of the highway and centered on the house.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ms. Sue Eakin

ORGANIZATION

History Dept., LSU at Alexandria

DATE

January 9, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Alexandria

STATE

Louisiana

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

J. Bernard Linn

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3/5/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles Johnson

DATE

5-14-79

ATTEST:

Bill Tolboach

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

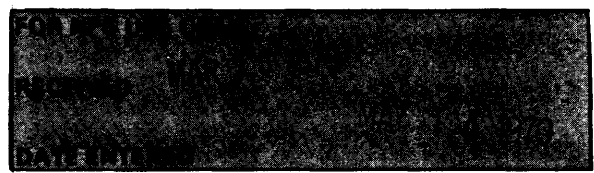
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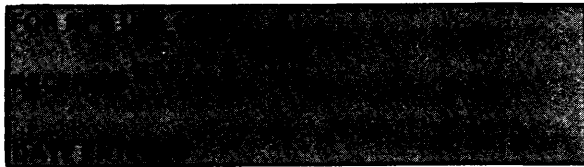
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suggests that he was also rebuilding the store at this time.

After the Civil War, George Bennett, Ezra's youngest son, took over the store, renovated the house that had belonged to his father (probably around 1880), and maintained race horses at the place. He was a prominent Reggeemer and Bourbon, successful in his planting operations and politically powerful. The house and store have remained in the hands of descendants of the Bennett family down to the present day.

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NOTES

¹George Mason Graham Stafford, Three Pioneer Families (Alexandria, La., 1968).

²"Memoirs," Esther Wright Fleming, Walter Fleming Collection, LSU Archives, Baton Rouge, La.

³Unpublished manuscript by Sue Eakin, "Historic Washington" (scheduled for publication, 1979).

⁴Cashbooks, Bennett's Store, 1817; Letters in Letterbook, Ezra Bennett, 1835-1854.

⁵Letters of Ezra Bennett located in LSU-A Archives, LSU Archives, and in possession of Sue Eakin.

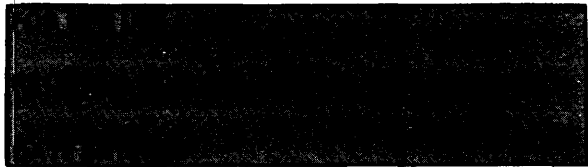
⁶J. W. Dorr, "A Tourist's Description of Louisiana in 1860," Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Volume 21, (Oct. 1938), p. 1110.

⁷Letter from Sarah Providence Bennett to "My Dear Child" (Francis Marion in New York), January 25, 1852.

⁸George W. Bennett Collection, LSU Archives, Baton Rouge.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: PROPOSED MOVE

PROPERTY NAME: Bennett Plantation House and Store

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: LOUISIANA, Rapides

DATE RECEIVED: 01/23/06 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 02/03/06
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 02/18/06 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 03/08/06
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001083

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The proposed move of the Bennett House is hereby approved. The documentation demonstrates that the move is necessary to ensure the preservation of the house, which is in poor condition and in danger of demolition by neglect. The house is an early example of Italianate domestic architecture in Louisiana. The proposed location is compatible with the original site. It is in the same parish and features a similarly rural setting. The documentation demonstrates that the house will convey its architectural significance (Criterion C) once it has been relocated.

RECOM./CRITERIA

Approve proposed move

REVIEWER

Daniel Vivian

DISCIPLINE

Historian

TELEPHONE

(202) 354-2252

DATE

03/07/06

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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BENNETT HOUSE, PRE-APPROVAL FOR MOVE RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA

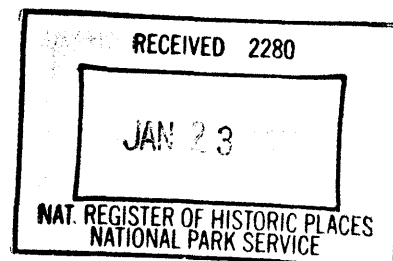
United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service


Pre-approval for Move

Bennett House
Rapides Parish, Louisiana

State Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this request for pre-approval for a move meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant locally.




Jonathan Fricker
Louisiana Deputy SHPO

1/19/06
Date

Part 7

This is a request for pre-approval of the proposed move of the Bennett House in Rapides Parish. The house was listed on the National Register in 1980 as part of a Bennett House and Store nomination. The two wood frame buildings have been vacant for years and are prime candidates for demolition by neglect. Preservationists have long worried about their fate. In 2003 the Louisiana Preservation Alliance listed them among its Ten Most Endangered sites. In July 2005 the Historical Association of Central Louisiana (HACL) leveraged a donation of the house and store to that organization providing they be removed from the property. HACL's goal was to find an owner or owners for the buildings. Scott and Kathryn Anderson have acquired the two buildings from HACL. The Andersons are taking this large project a step at a time. At the present time they wish to apply for a pre-approval of the relocation of the house to rural property they own elsewhere in Rapides Parish – specifically, a small portion of Inglewood Plantation (NR). (The Andersons are members of a family corporation which owns the remainder of Inglewood.)

The House:

The following summary of the house's construction history and alterations supersedes that in the original nomination. It is based on a recent inspection of the house by a senior architectural historian in the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation. While the documentary evidence is clear that Ezra Bennett built a house in 1854, it is very hard to believe that the house we see today is that early. The first known reference to the Italianate in New Orleans is 1850 (see below), and styles generally arrive later in the country. (Admittedly, Ezra Bennett was originally from the state of New York, having moved to the Boeuf country circa 1830.) The staff of the Division of Historic Preservation is dating the present house, for purposes of this submission, to circa 1870. Most likely, the 1854 house was remodeled (rather than a new house being built).

The Bennett House has a conventional central hall plan with two rooms on each side. One suspects that the rear wing on the south side, with a polygonal bay, dates from later than c.1870, perhaps 10 or 15 years later. (Its detailing is more elaborate, more robust than the main block.) The deteriorated, rather ramshackle rear wing on the north side of the house will not be retained in the new location. While it incorporates some early construction, it was remodeled in the early twentieth century and has received various later additions. In no way does it contribute to the house's architectural character.

In addition to the rear wing on the north side, the following notable alterations have occurred (some since the 1980 National Register listing): An early photo shows the house with a three-bay bracketed entrance porch topped by a

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RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA

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balustrade (see attached xerox). The present owners plan to replicate this long-gone feature as part of a proposed tax credit project. Since the 1980 nomination, the mantels have been removed from the house (perhaps by vandals). Photos are in the original National Register submission.

The Proposed Move:

At present the house is set back from Highway 71 in a rural setting (with the store across the road). Please refer to attached photos showing the house in its original setting.

The proposed new setting is very rural, despite being on the outskirts of the city of Alexandria. Please refer to attached maps (2) for the proposed new location. The house will be located between a sharecropper's cabin known as "Matt's Cabin" and a small church on adjacent property. A small bayou is located to the rear.

The move will be accomplished in as sensitive a manner as possible. Unfortunately, the roof will have to be removed to clear traffic lights and power lines. As noted previously, the rear wing on the north side will not be retained.

Assessment of Integrity:

The house in its new setting will meet the special requirements of Criteria Consideration B (moved properties) because the new setting is sympathetic and the house will remain within the parish which is the context for its architectural significance. (The original nomination made only brief mention of the house's architectural significance. The context used was the Bunkie area, Bunkie being a nearby small town. The staff of the Division of Historic Preservation believes the house is significant within Rapides Parish as a rare surviving example of the domestic Italianate taste – see new statement of significance below.) The loss of the porch and mantels (at least one of the latter was in the Italianate taste) is an integrity issue but not an insurmountable one. Even with these losses, the house clearly conveys the Italianate taste, as explained further in the Part 8 below.

Part 8: Statement of Significance

The Bennett House is of local architectural significance as a very rare surviving example of the domestic Italianate (in this case builder Italianate) within the large parish of Rapides.

Italianate residences are quite common in certain sections of New Orleans, but are very seldom seen elsewhere in Louisiana. Secondly, the style as seen in Louisiana, deviated significantly from the national norm. The first known specific reference to the Italianate taste in New Orleans is from September 19, 1850, with a local paper describing a new house built for Duncan Hennen as an "Italian villa." In the succeeding years a limited number of stately symmetrical palazzi were built in the city. But the palazzo mode was never very popular, nor was the asymmetrical Italian villa. Unlike typical examples of the style found in other parts of the country, characterized by picturesque asymmetry, Louisiana examples are by far rigidly symmetrical. More often than not, they resemble an earlier generation of Greek Revival houses (usually a one-and-a-half story house with an inset gallery or a two story house with an attached double gallery). The difference is in the more lavish details (for example, boldly formed moldings) and sometimes the grafting on of perhaps one or two textbook Italianate features (brackets and round arches). In other words, they are Italianate in detail and feel but not in form (in comparison to the national norm).

While the Bennett House's small porch is not typical for Louisiana, the house's interpretation of the Italianate taste is. It is Italianate in detail rather than form. After the southern rear addition of the 1880s, the house had the following features that contributed to its Italianate character: the porch (brackets and the balustrade, one can't be certain about the columns); a bracketed cornice on the façade; a prominent dormer with a triple round arch treatment with a paneled design above; double arch windows in the front door; double arch windows in the rear door with matching side lights; an abundance of heavily molded window and door surrounds in the rear 1880s room; at least one of the mantels; and heavily molded panels accenting the staircase of the central hall. (The door and window frames in the main block are simpler than those in the 1880s addition. They are not quite lavish enough to be viewed within the Italianate taste.) Today the house retains all of the above except for the porch (admittedly a notable loss) and the mantel.

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Rapides Parish is quite typical for Louisiana in that Italianate residences are exceedingly rare. Created in 1807, Rapides is one of the state's largest parishes, covering 1,341 square miles. The only town of any size is Alexandria, with a population of roughly 55,000. And despite the early settlement patterns, Rapides has very few buildings from before the twentieth century. A historic structures survey done for the Division of Historic Preservation in the 1980s recorded 4,932 buildings fifty or more years of age. The vast majority of these, probably 70 to 80 percent, are early twentieth century folk bungalows, unstyled cottages, and unstyled shotguns. There is very little Queen Anne or Eastlake in Rapides, and what can be found is modest. The domestic Italianate is practically non-existent. The two exceptions are the Bennett House and Loyd Hall, a Greek Revival plantation house with some Italianate interior features (elaborate, pierced plasterwork). (For the record, there is also very little commercial Italianate, and examples are very simple, generally with only segmental arches.)

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Historic Structures Survey, Rapides Parish.

PHOTO INFORMATION COMMON TO ALL

Photographer: Donna Fricker

Date Taken: November 2005

Location of Negatives: LA SHPO

NEIGHBORS
FIELD

CEMETERY
FENCE LINE

Pre-approval Bennett House Move
Rapides Parish, LA
HAY FIELD 5.8 AC.



bayou

proposed
house
location

5.4 AC.

MATT'S
CABIN
580 sq ft

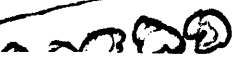
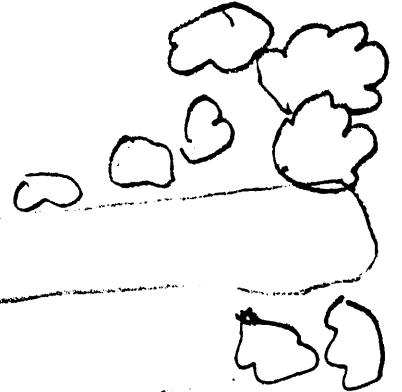
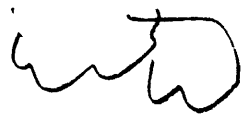
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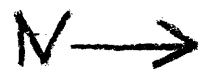
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PECAN
ORCHARD

1,500 AC. FIELD



Bennett House
Rapides Parish, LA



POST-MOVE PHOTOS

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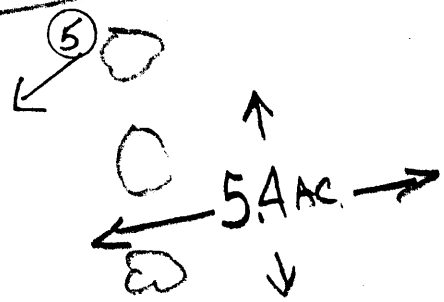
NEIGHBOR'S
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FENCE LINE

CEMETERY



bayou



MATT'S
CABIN
580 sq ft

CHURCH

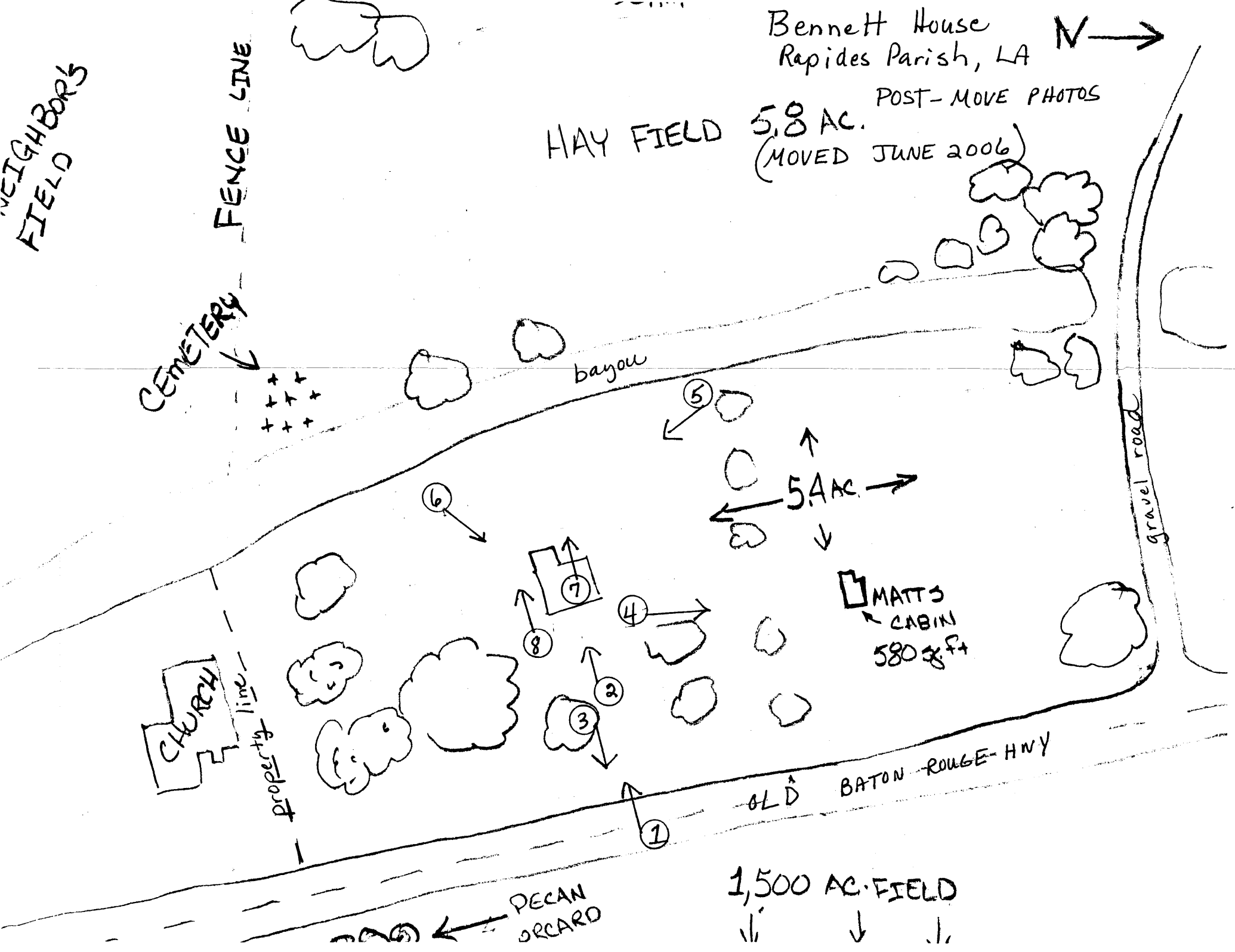
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OLD BATON ROUGE HWY

gravel road

1,500 AC. FIELD

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Bennett House

Rapides Parish, Louisiana